

REMARKS

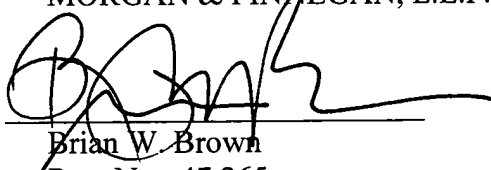
Consideration and entry of this Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312, Claims 1-5, 9, 10, and 16-18, is respectfully requested. The above amendments is being submitted to improve the readability of Claims 1-5, 9, 10, and 16-18. The amendments to the specification and the Abstract are consistent with the subject matter of allowed Claims 1, 9, and 10. Consideration and entry of this Amendment would not involve materially added work on the part of the Office. No new matter has been entered.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the present Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312 be approved and entered.

AUTHORIZATIONS

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4623.

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